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## **City of Springfield Awards & Achievements**

**Springfield Traffic Engineer David Hutchison** received the Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation's 2012 Distinguished Service Award during Bicycle and Pedestrian Day at the Missouri Capitol. David works in the Public Works department and leads the Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee of the Traffic Advisory Board. He has been key to developing The Link, the City's plan to connect greenway trails and activity centers, by way of low-volume, low-speed streets.

**Springfield-Greene County Health Department's Lab** was chosen as second runner-up Lab of the Year by Medical Laboratory Observer, a national, peer-reviewed lab resource organization. The staff includes five team members who participate in proficiency testing at least once a year and provides services to a population of more than 300,000 people.

The City's **Environmental Services Department** has received the 2012 Outstanding Management of Wastewater Biosolids Award.

For the 6th year in a row, the **City Finance Department** has received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

There are four areas and a total of 27 criteria upon which the document is rated. In order to receive the award, budgets must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories in order to receive the award. For the FY 2012 document, 10 criteria were ranked "outstanding", the highest level of achievement.

**Rick Garner, with the City of Springfield Building Development Services**, has been named the Floodplain Manager of the Year by the Missouri Floodplain & Stormwater Managers Association. The membership in the association is comprised of local and state government officials, engineers, land surveyors, insurance agents, mortgage lenders, and other private industries or individuals engaged in the management of floodplains or storm water.

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